Mobilisation of investment in Ministry of Railways

1038. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee headed by Shri Rakesh Mohan has recommended to mobilise investments to the tune of Rs. 2,00,000 crore during the next fifteen years, to invest the same in Ministry of Railways; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations in the Report including the above are under examination by a Committee of officers.

Investments by Container Corporation of India

1039. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Container Corporation of India plans to invest Rs. 1,300 crore for expanding its operation by 2005;

(b) if so, whether investments would be made for expansion of terminals, increasing the rolling stock and Infotech infrastructure;

(c) whether the details in this regard have been worked out; and

(d) if so, by when these are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Containter Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) has assessed that its expansion plans would require expenditure of about Rs. 1,400 crores till Financial Year 2006.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The expenditure is proposed to be made in the following areas:

(i) Terminal Development Works;

(ii) Rolling Stock;

(iii) Container acquisition;

(iv) Information Technology;

(v) Handling equipment etc.

(d) The process has already started.

Satellite Railway Station in Thiruvananthapuram

1040. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish satellite railway station in Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to improve the present amenities available in Trivandrum Central, Ernakulam Junction and Kollam Junction railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Satellite coaching terminal for Trivandrum to be constructed at Kochuveli at a cost of Rs. 8 Crores has been proposed to be included in the Railway Budget 2002-03.

(c) and (d) Upgradation/extension/renovation/modernisation of railway station is a continuous process and the same is undertaken subject to availability of resources and other relative priorities. Every year adequate allocations are made for this puupose.

Trivandrum Central, Ernakulum Junction and Kollam Junction are important stations & adequate passenger amenities exists at these stations. Further, these stations have been nominated as a "Model Station" for provision of upgraded passenger amenities. At **Trivandrum Central,** works like improvement to enquiry system, improvement to circulating area & parking area, improvement to illumination level, improvement to surface of PF no. 1, improvement